



Essay for Mains 2023

Essay Test - 03

Time Allowed: 1.5 Hour

Max Marks: 150

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Important instructions:

Write an essay on any one of the following topics:

- Stick to the word limit: **1100-1200 words**.
- Ideal time: **1.5 hours**.



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Dear Student,

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① A Good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge

What are humans if not just flesh and blood? How do they differ from other creatures? What differentiates an animal existence from human existence? All these questions have just one single answer i.e., Actions guided by knowledge and inspired by emotions.

Every creature on Earth comes to live their own life span, but what is unique with humans is that they can create an everlasting impact on others as well. Man is a situated self, does not live in isolation rather interacts with its environment creating huge impacts and

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in turn getting impacted as well.

But what is a life or rather to be more specific we need to understand what is a good life? Was it not the luxurious life that Buddha lived in the palace which had all the facilities to ensure a smooth life with no hardship? If this was a good life why did he leave his comfort at an young age of 29??

Because, Buddha was a man of values, he realised that the real meaning of good life does not revolve around materialistic pleasure, rather it is about the eternal knowledge that guides the whole world coupled with

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spirit of love and compassion for fellow being.

Thus, after attaining Nirvana Buddha did not stop, he went on to preach his philosophy of love & Brotherhood i.e. Dhamma so as to benefit the mankind. The best manifestation of Buddha's selfless good living where he not just gained rather preached knowledge was — Ashoka.

Ashoka, one of the most prominent ruler of Mauryan empire was guided by policy of war and conquest just like any other ruler. But once he came across the philosophy of Buddha he understood the importance of peace & brotherhood and hence

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Ashoka's ideology changed from Bheshigroha (life of war) to Bhannu-ghroha (life of Bhannas).

Thus the idea of good life is more than just knowledge and skills it is rather about the right attitude and the right moral aptitude, and it must be understood that love alone can inspire us to a limit, it will always require the backup to knowledge.

India has had such great leaders who have set examples of what a good life looks like.
Example - Dr APJ Abdul Kalam who is also known as missile man of India. His life is a balanced representation of

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knowledge and love for the country. Despite being offered to work with NASA, Kalam chose to work for ICRO and help India realise its true potential. His decision was thus based on his love and dedication towards India and his knowledge, and can be called a "Man of high integrity".

It is easy to live a life of ignorance for those who look at the world through tainted glasses, because a life of ignorance is free from responsibilities and accountability. But as Socrates

Says:-

"An unexamined life is not worth living"

Thus humans must continuously strive to achieve the true purpose

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of their living. Another example
in this regard can be of Mother
Teresa who lived a selfless life
serving others and giving back
the knowledge of compassion,
empathy and love to the world.

Being ignorant can help us
move past a particular event
but how does that serve the
purpose of Being human. Imagine
if our freedom fighters like
Ambedkar and Gandhi who
were educated and had degree
in law, se Bose who qualified
civil services examination
would have focussed in ensuring
a good life for themselves and
would have ignored the plight
of masses. where would have

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India being today? It was their
vision of a good life that created
a good life for us. It was their
selfless action that was inspired
by love and guided by knowledge
that had led millions towards
a life of dignity by restoring
swarajya for them.

Today in the contemporary
era with the advent of technologies
like information communication,
Artificial Intelligence, Robotics,
etc has made life easier for
human, but is it contributing to
a good living? Partially yes
as they have their set of
advantages but partially no,
because they have disastrous

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negative outcome as well. For example - AI has made things very easy for human; but has several ethical concerns as it has led to increase in plagiarism, violation of privacy, increased fake pornography, etc.

Humans need to understand that technologies are double-edged sword and hence they must be handled with caution. It requires humans to be virtuous such that their actions are guided by greater good and not personal pleasure and satisfaction. Thus in contemporary times the idea of guided human actions becomes all the more important.

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Another aspect in this regard is the environment, which has been exploited by human race for its own benefit for centuries that has led to disturbance in ecological balance which is evident in the form of climate change.

Even then the international community has not been able to reach at consensus as to how to manage the climate change. Developed as well as developing countries are involved in strife over blame game because their idea of good life is guided by hedonistic principles and not Inclusive and sustainable growth. Thus there is a need for the

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countries to understand that
"Earth provides enough for everyone's
need, but not
everyone's greed"

— Mk Gandhi

Their decision and action thus
must be inspired by love for
nature and guided by know-
ledge of sustainability.

The reality^{is}, today this 8 billion
people will live and go and yet
again many more will come
but there are just few who will
make the difference and speak
up for the greater good, whose
action will be guided by idea
of "Niskama karma", like
Medha Patkar, Malala, Greta
Thunberg, etc.

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This is the time we need to wake up from the slumber and decide the right course action as recently UNGA chief held that "Era of global warming has ended and era of global boiling has started"

Thus there is a need for collaboration among international communities to ensure a good life.

The human consciousness is what makes them unique and this is what they must remember and use it as a tool to ensure that this planet becomes a better place to live. Only focussing on creating a good life for oneself with

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not yield that satisfaction what
contributing towards a good life
for other will. It just takes a
little extra feeling of compassion
and empathy for others along
with the right knowledge.

Thus one needs to move from
quantitative description of living
towards a qualitative enrichment.